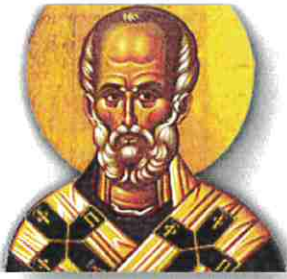


FEBRUARY 20, 2022 – 17th SUNDAY OF LUKE (The Prodigal Son)

Our Fathers among the Saints Leo, Bishop of Catania, and Agathon, Pope of Rome

Tone 2

Orthros Gospel 2



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

VISIT www.stnickspgh.org TODAY for news and updates about our parish!

CLERGY: Rev. Fr. Christopher Bender and Rev. Dn. Robert Lykos

Father's Cell & Email: 724-630-3483; frchbender@verizon.net

PROTOPSALTIS: Amy Hogg

CHANTER: Steve Andrews

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Steve Andrews

ORGANIST: Haley Cobb

Questions about our Parish? Email church@stnickspgh.org or call 412-682-3866

Our Sunday worship schedule: Sept. 5 – May 31: Orthros 8:45 a.m. & Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME, VISITORS! You are honored guests here at St. Nicholas Cathedral and welcome at all our services. We invite you to receive the Holy Eucharist (Communion) if you are an Orthodox Christian who has prepared yourself through fasting, prayer, and confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are Orthodox but have not prepared, we respectfully invite you instead to come forward at the end of the service for a blessing by the priest and a piece of blessed bread (antidoron).

Our Mission & Vision Statements

The **MISSION** of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral is to Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a Spirit of Unity and Love for All through Worship, Service, Education, Fellowship and Outreach.

Our **VISION** is to be a Welcoming and Growing Parish, Striving to Live the New Life in Christ according to the Teachings and Traditions of the Greek Orthodox Faith.

Watch Sunday services, which are still streaming live from St Nicholas Cathedral at www.stnickspgh.org and click on "Live Streaming Click Here."

On-Line Giving donations are up and running on our web page www.stnickspgh.org by clicking please donate button - or you may access the donation page by using <https://abundant.co/stnickspgh/give>

TRISAGION SERVICE is being chanted for the souls of the servants of God, *Jose Moreno (6 months)* & *George Vasilakis (20 years)*. May God grant them eternal rest.

PLEASE JOIN US for coffee and fellowship following services in the Fellowship Room, hosted by GOYA.

TODAY: PARISH COUNCIL ASSEMBLY / GOYA Meeting today / Pastitsio Prep 12 – 3

THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS:

- **Monday, Feb 21:** GOYA GIRLS BB practice 6:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Feb 22:** GOYA BOYS BB practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Feb 23:** Orthodoxy 101 (via Zoom) 7:30 p.m.
- **Fri, Sat, Sun, Feb 25-27:** **GOYA Basketball Tournament at Holy Cross Church**
- **Saturday, Feb 26:** **1st Saturday of the Souls Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10: a.m. Vlahokerasiotiko Take-Out Dinner / Greek School 10:00 a.m.**
- **Sunday, Feb 27:** **Koulourakia Prep 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.**

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SPECIAL HYMNS AND READINGS OF THE DAY:

As the clergy exit the Altar at the Small Entrance, the Resurrection Apolytikion in Tone 2 is chanted:

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἢ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἅδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You. [SD]

Then, the usual Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) for Sundays is chanted:

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι Ἀλληλούϊα. "Come let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us O Son of God, who arose from the dead. We sing to you, Alleluia."

The Resurrection Apolytikion is repeated. Next, we hear the Apolytikion for our Patron Saint, Nicholas of Myra the Wonderworker:

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιίμνῃ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτήσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ Ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε· πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

The truth of things have revealed you to your flock as a rule of faith, an icon of meekness, and a teacher of temperance; for this cause you have achieved the heights by humility, riches by poverty. O Father and Hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Finally, we hear the Kontakion for today's parable of the Prodigal Son:

Τῆς πατρῴας, δόξης σου, ἀποσκιρτήσας ἀφρόνως, ἐν κακοῖς ἐσκόρπισα, ὃν μοι παρέδωκας πλοῦτον· ὅθεν σοι τὴν τοῦ Ἀσώτου, φωνὴν κραυγάζω· Ἡμαρτον ἐνώπιόν σου Πάτερ οἰκτίρμων, δέξαι με μετανοοῦντα, καὶ ποιήσόν με, ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου.

O Father, foolishly I ran away from Your glory, and in sin, squandered the riches You gave me. Wherefore, I cry out to You with the voice of the Prodigal, "I have sinned before You Compassionate Father. Receive me in repentance and take me as one of Your hired servants."

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Epistle: I Corinthians 6: 12-20. Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So, glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God. [RSV]

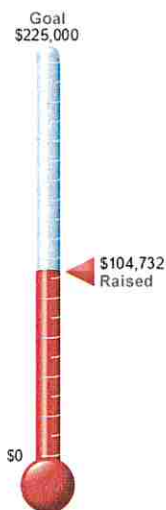
Gospel: Luke 15:11-32. The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So, he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything.

But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry.

Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'" [RSV]

After the Gospel reading, return to page 12 of the Divine Liturgy Book for the remainder of the service

2022 Stewardship Pledge Cards are in the Narthex
(Just ask a member of Parish Council)



If you have already submitted your 2022 Stewardship Commitment, THANK YOU! If not, please take the time to make your financial Stewardship Commitment today and complete the talent portion of the card to enable OUR Community to grow and carry on the mission of our faith.

HELP US REACH/ EXCEED OUR GOAL!!

***Our Church. Our
Spiritual Home***

2022	STEWARDSHIP
Total Stewards	162 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$104,732 (GOAL \$225,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$831.21

From the Church School Desk:



(The rooms are cleaned, and the teachers & children will social distance and wear masks!)

Church School students in grades 7th–12th have the opportunity to learn more about their faith and participate in the **St. Nicholas Oratorical Festival** that will be held in **March 2022**. For more information, please contact Chairman Eve Elsen at 412-580-9415 or eve.m.elsen@gmail.com. And thanks for sharing your children with us every Sunday.

Yours in Christ
Miss Michelle

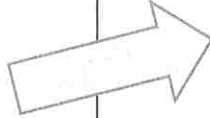
Food Festival Update

Stop down in the kitchen **today** to check our progress. It would be great if we could finish **Pastitsio** by 2 p.m.

this afternoon.

Next Sunday,
Koulourakia,

noon to 4,
Monday, if needed.



FEB. FOOD FESTIVAL COOKING SCHEDULE

Koulourakia	Sun, Mon, Feb 27-28:
	Sun: 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.
	Possibly Mon: starting at 9:00 a.m.

Fellow parishioners, Greetings in Christ!

At our most recent meeting, the Parish Council determined that the following large items no longer serve a useful purpose for our community. At the same time, they take up a large amount of space that we now need for other purposes. Can you use them, or help us to identify another place that might be able to make use of them? We would prefer not to throw them away:

Here's the list:

- 1.) 3 metal desks
- 2.) 3 bowl stainless sink
- 3.) Our 2 old front doors from the Narthex (wood painted red with stained glass inlays)
- 4.) Drywall, leftover from the recent repairs to our flooded Small Hall (8 sheets)
- 5.) Baseboard (about 200 feet)

If interested, please contact the
Church Office (412-682-3866, ext. 3).

In Christ's service,
Fr. Christopher

St Nicholas Website

It has been two years since the launch of Our Cathedral's renovated website. While pleased with the improvements, keeping the website relevant requires maintenance.

We value your opinion in making the website better for our parishioners, their families, visitors and ministries of St. Nicholas.

Please email Bunny at the Cathedral office (church@stnickspgh.org) or Sophia Panagis (spanagis@gmail.com) with your suggestions and recommendations.

Thank you.

(Name _____)

ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
NAMES FOR SATURDAYS OF THE SOULS 2022

(February 26, March 5 & 12 & June 11)

"Again, we pray for the repose of the souls of the departed servants of God . . . and for the forgiveness of all their sins, both voluntary and involuntary."

(Please note: First names only; use complete baptismal name, if known -Greek or English)

Orthodox Christians

FIRST NAMES ONLY

Others

Honor one of our favorite traditions
Vlahokerasiotiki Makaronada Dinner "To Go"
Saturday, February 26, 2022

Order in advance and pick up at the Church on February 26th.

Chicken Dinner

*Greek-style Chicken, (1/2 chicken),
Makaronia with specialty cheese, Tossed Salad and roll*
\$25.00

Pan of Makaronia

Half hotel-sized pan of our delicious Makaronia with specialty cheese
\$25.00

Pick-up times on Saturday, February 26th, 2022 as follows:
4:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m.

How to Order:

- Visit the St. Nick's "Greek2Go" order form beginning on Sunday, February 20th to place your order, choose your pick-up time and pay online. This is the same form to order "Greek2Go". Here is the link:
<https://stnicksgreekfood.org/order-online/>
- Call, text, or email your order to Vasili Copetas as follows:
 - Cell phone: 412-352-9323
 - Email: Vasili.copetas@gmail.com
 - **Be sure to both place your order *and* indicate a pickup time.**
- You will also have the choice to pay your annual \$10 dues with either order option.

All orders must be placed by Friday, February 25, 2022.

Questions? Contact Vasili Copetas at 412-352-9323

St. Nicholas Greek Food Festival

February 2022

Dear Friends,

Well, we had to take a little break, but now we are back again and excited to have ALL those familiar faces share in our Food Festival experience. This year, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral will be hosting its 60th annual Greek Food Festival from **May 1 thru May 7**. Once again, we would like to give you the opportunity to be part of our Festival by advertising in our **2022 Food Festival Ad Book**.

This is a great way to advertise your business to the thousands of people who come to enjoy our great Greek food, our music and our Greek hospitality. The money raised through our Food Festival benefits the St. Nicholas Cathedral Building Fund and since St. Nicholas is a 501(C)3 that makes your contribution tax deductible.

On the back of this letter you will find this year's advertising contract detailing ad sizes and prices. Please consider placing an ad by completing the form with your contact information, payment type, and ad size selection. You may submit completed contracts and ads via e-mail to foodfestadbook@stnickspgh.org, or mail to:

St. Nicholas Cathedral
c/o Greek Food Festival Ad Book Committee
419 South Dithridge Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

DEADLINE FOR ALL ADS is April 4, 2022

Premium pages include **center pages** and **inside cover**.

All ads are in **color**.

Please send ads in **JPEG** format.

See ad rates on the other side for pricing.

If you have a new ad or logo that you would like to use this year, please send a **JPEG** file to the email shown above. If you would like to use an ad previously placed in the ad book, please indicate that on the ad contract. (Please note that all ads will be in color this year.)

For additional information or if you have any questions, please call Lenna Cominos at (412) 370-8181, or send an e-mail to foodfestadbook@stnickspgh.org.

We sincerely hope that you will play a part in making this year's edition of our ad book a success.

Best regards,

Elaine Andrianos, Simon Barber, Lenna Cominos, Alisa Mathews

St. Nicholas Ad Book Committee

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral

2022 GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL ADVERTISING CONTRACT



Name _____

Business _____

Address _____

Phone/ Cell _____

Email _____

AD DEADLINE APRIL 4, 2022

Ad Size	Color
Outside Back Cover/ 4.5w x 7.5h	\$750
Premium Full Pages/ 4.5w x 7.5h	\$650
Full Page/ 4.5w x 7.5h	\$600
Half Page/ 4.5w x 3.75h	\$350
Quarter Page/ 4.5w x 1.8750h	\$200
Patron/ listing	\$50

☐ Use same ad as previous year

Please make check payable and mail to St. Nicholas Cathedral. ☐ Check enclosed ☐ Bill me

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

Please print or attach ad copy, or email ad file in a **JPEG** format to: **foodfestadbook@stnickspgh.org**

Date Received:

Check Number:

Receipt Number:

THE ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD
OF GREATER PITTSBURGH



Triumph of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Vespers

Sunday March 13, 2022 at 4:30pm

ALL SAINTS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

601 W. McMURRAY RD., CANONSBURG, PA 15317



CELEBRANT & HOMILIST:

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AMERICAN CARPATHO-RUSSIAN ORTHODOX DIOCESE

LENTEN RECEPTION AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW

SAVE THE DATE

Saint Nicholas Cathedral Golf Outing

***Monday May 23, 2022
Shannopin Country Club***

**Registration 11:00
Shotgun Start 12:00**

**Foursomes and
sponsorships available**



FEBRUARY / MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 Sunday of Prodigal Son Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Pastitsio Prep 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. GOYA Meeting after Liturgy Parish General Assembly 12:00 Noon	21 GOYA GIRLS Basketball Practice 6:30 p.m.	22 GOYA BOYS Basketball Practice 7:00 p.m.	23 Orthodoxy Now (via Zoom) 7:30 p.m.	24	25	26 1st Saturday of Souls Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Greek School 10:00 a.m. Vlahokerasiotiko Dinner (Take Out)
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> GOYA Basketball Tournament Holy Cross (Pittsburgh, PA) February 25-27, 2022 </div>						
27 Judgement (Meatfare) Sunday Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.	28	MARCH 1	2 Orthodoxy 101 On Zoom 7:30 p.m.	3	4	5 2nd Saturday of Souls Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Greek School 10:00 a.m.
6 Forgiveness Sunday Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Vespers of Forgiveness 5:00 p.m.	7 Καθαρά Δευτέρα – Αρχίζει η Μεγάλη Σαρακοστή Great Lent begins Day of Strict Fast Great Compline 6:00 p.m.	8 GOYA Volleyball 7:00 p.m.	9 Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m. NO Orthodoxy 101!	10	11 1st Salutations to the Theotokos 7:00 p.m.	12 3rd Saturday of Souls Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. GOYA Day of Service Greek School 10:00 a.m.
13 Sunday of Orthodoxy Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. GOYA Meeting after Liturgy Pan-Orthodoxy Triumph of Orthodoxy Vespers At All Saints Church Canonsburg 4:30 p.m.	14	15 GOYA Volleyball 7:00 p.m.	16	17	18 2nd Salutations to the Theotokos 7:00 p.m.	19 Greek School 10:00 a.m.
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Fr. Christopher away at annual Metropolis Lenten Clergy Retreat (Antiochian Village) </div>						